



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION APRIL 21, 2010

**Call to Order/
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Siersema, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioners Absent: Kirkorn, Rivera, Spencer

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Herbel, McGovern O'Connell, and Siersema were in attendance.

Others Present: Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works
Tony Olmos, City Engineer
Bob Stachelski, Transportation Manager
Terri Elliott, Principal Civil Engineer
Jim Merid, Administrative Environmental Specialist
Judy Keir, Administrative Environmental Specialist
Jim Wagner, Senior Civil Engineer
Linda Daily, Project Manager
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Herbel to approve the minutes of March 17, 2010.

VOTE:	The motion carried.
AYES:	4
NOES:	0
ABSENT:	3 (Kirkorn, Spencer, Rivera)
ABSTENTIONS:	0

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

- E-1. Travis Hopkins distributed a copy of The State of Orange County's Infrastructure 2010 Report Card, and The State of Orange County's Infrastructure 2010 Citizen's Guide to each Commissioner. Mr. Hopkins informed the Public Works Commissioners Orange County is graded better than other parts of the state.

Commissioner O'Connell inquired who participates in the rating. Travis Hopkins responded various committees prepare its particular portion, prepare its recommendations and then all the reports go to a review board who finalizes the report. The report is not city specific but cities are asked for pavement management data and other information that is used in preparing the report.

- E-2. Travis Hopkins advised the Commission representatives from Economic Development and Finance will attend the May meeting and give a presentation on the Redevelopment Agency and debt service as a follow up to a request at the March meeting.
- E-3. Travis Hopkins discussed a previous request of the Commission to take a tour of Public Works projects. The Commission requested current and previously completed CIP projects be part of the tour. The tour will be a posted and open meeting. Transportation will be provided from City Hall. June was suggested to do the tour in the afternoon followed by the regular meeting. Details will be worked out.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- F-1. Active Capital Project Report – Tony Olmos provided updates on various projects and then asked for questions. The Newland Street Widening project has been delayed as Verizon has had issues with installation of its underground wire. The pole removal and final paving will not be completed until early May.

The Talbert Lake Urban Runoff project Phase I and Phase II have funding issues as grant funds from the State have been frozen and the city portion of the funding is not available due to the economic downturn. Staff is working with the state to extend the project to complete the design.

The Irby Park Runoff Treatment project has also encountered a scoping issue. The project must have changes therefore, staff is requesting to withdraw the project. Staff will continue to look for funding in the future.

The Downtown Street Light Replacement Phase II is studying the possibility of LED technology. Staff is also investigating the possibility of stimulus – ARRA- funding for the project. Edison has been approached and is incorporated in the decision.

The Beach Blufftop Restroom project is under construction, however, the contractor has discovered old oil well foundations that have to be removed so the project has been delayed. The project will be substantially completed in early June and the projected is still projected to meet the July 4 completion date.

HES Signal Modification at Brookhurst/Yorktown, Atlanta/Newland and– OCTA has moved funding to 2010/11. Caltrans approvals have been obtained. Atlanta/Magnolia – staff is awaiting Caltrans approvals. Funding has been moved to 2010/11.

Chair Siersema inquired of the status of the signal installation at Newland/Hamilton. Tony Olmos responded the project is on schedule. Construction is underway.

Commissioner McGovern inquired of the status of the Atlanta Widening project. Tony Olmos responded the project is on schedule with right-of-way acquisition moved to 2010/11 or later. Staff is awaiting Caltrans approval.

Commissioner McGovern inquired of the Pacific City site. Tony Olmos responded and gave details of the request by Makar. As a result, Makar has agreed to install the traffic signal at Huntington and Atlanta, move back the fencing and complete the perimeter work. A temporary sidewalk will be installed on Pacific Coast Highway by the end of May.

Commissioner O'Connell said the flood control channel at Graham and Slater shows a great deal of erosion and inquired who is responsible. Tony Olmos responded staff will take a look the site and then notify the Orange County Flood Control District of the findings.

Tony Olmos reported all staff has been moved off the Utilities Division site during the construction with the exception of the Warehouse staff. Other staff is working from the temporary site on Edinger.

- F-2. Travis Hopkins discussed the upcoming Study Sessions noting OCTA is expected to attend the July 19, 2010 meeting to present a briefing on the central corridor study. Chair Siersema asked about future Charter Review Commission study sessions. Travis Hopkins said he will send the Commissioners any updates he receives on Charter Review Commission issues and upcoming meeting dates.

- F-3. Water Quality Report Update – Commercial/Industrial Inspection Program Requirements – Travis Hopkins introduced Terri Elliott for the presentation. Terri Elliott then introduced the Administrative Environment Specialist staff Jim Merid and Judy Keir. Jim and Judy then gave a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of the inspection process and what they are looking at during an inspection. The frequency of inspection is dictated by the type of business. Discussion ensued.

The Commission expressed their appreciation for the work of the environmental staff knowing the water quality of the city's beach area is a drawing for residents and visitors.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- G-1. Garfield Avenue Arterial Rehabilitation Project, CC-1372 – Travis Hopkins introduced Jim Wagner, the project engineer, who presented the report. The project will rehabilitate pavement on Garfield Avenue from Newland Street to Magnolia. Staff is in the process of obtaining Caltrans approval. A portion of the project is being done jointly with Fountain Valley to provide a full cap on Garfield. Rubberized asphalt concrete will be used. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding is being used for a substantial portion of the costs through Caltrans. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Herbel to recommend to the City Council, the Garfield Avenue Arterial Rehabilitation Project, CC-1372.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 3 (Kirkorn, Rivera, Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-2. Arterial Highway Rehabilitation Project, CC-1379 – Jim Wagner presented the project. The project will rehabilitate the asphalt concrete at locations of Slater Avenue from Beach Boulevard to Newland, Magnolia Street from Warner Avenue to I-405 and Gothard Street from Heil Avenue to Edinger Avenue. The project is eligible for Proposition 1B funding to cover a portion of the costs. The project will not be bid until state funds are received. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Herbel to recommend to the City Council, the Arterial Highway Rehabilitation Project, CC-1379.

VOTE: The motion carried.
AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 3 (Kirkorn, Rivera, Spencer)
ABSTENTIONS: 0

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMISSION AND STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner McGovern expressed concern over the Infrastructure Fund, Section 617 of the city charter and what will be the result if the charter revision does not move forward as a whole or having portions only of the suggested recommendations moved forward.

Chair Siersema expressed his agreement and voiced his strong concern over a similar outcome for Section 614 recommendations. He believes it is important to have both Sections 614 and 617 moved forward with all suggested recommendations included.

All Commissioners agreed on the importance of contacting each City Council Member and champion for both City Charter Section changes and the importance of funding for infrastructure. Discussion ensued.

The Commission requested a review of how the General Fund dollars budgeted to infrastructure less the dept service was spent last year. Travis Hopkins agreed.

Chair Siersema inquired of the status of the pavement study. Tony Olmos responded pavement inspection is currently being conducted. He projected completion of the study is June of this year. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Commission adjourned to the meeting date of Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 5:00 p.m., City Council Chambers. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Michael Siersema
Chair


Joyce A. Greene
Administrative Assistant